

HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD
JULY 28, 2003

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Board met on Monday, July 28, 2003 at 12:00 noon in the Commissioner's Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. President Altman called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared present of Dennis Redick, Steven C. Dillinger, Steven A. Holt, Christine Altman and David George. Jim Belden and Dan Henke were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Steve Dillinger motioned to approve the meeting memorandum of June 23, 2003. Christine Altman seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Dillinger motioned to approve the May 27, 2003 minutes. Steve Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Solid Waste Tax Levy:

Christine Altman stated on June 26, 2003 she along with Barry McNulty, Steve Wood and Kim Rauch appeared before the local tax control board. The proposed budget was discussed and Paige Gilpin believed we did not need as large a levy as was proposed because the payment to county council would not be a reoccurring expense. She also cut out the reimbursement to Carmel and overtime. A motion was made to set the maximum levy of \$250,000. The Tax Control Board did question the motion, but did approve Paige's motion. Subsequently Mike Reuter discussed the request with Ms. Gilpin and indicated to her that when the levy is cut, it is also cutting COIT and other taxes. On Mr. Reuter's advice Christine wrote a response to Ms. Gilpin outlining the same discussion. Ms. Gilpin has responded with a question regarding the payment to Carmel. Christine will send her a letter explaining that Carmel provides their own Household Hazardous Waste disposal site, but the citizens of Carmel are being taxed as any other county citizen and we don't want to discourage Carmel from doing that and to the extent that they do remove the load of disposal from the County, they should have a return of some of their tax dollars to fund their program. Christine believes they will reconsider the levy limit, but she can not promise that.

2004 Budget Hearings:

Budget Workshop - August 25, 2003 @ 12:00 noon

Public Hearing - September 8, 2003 @ 12:00 noon

Final Adoption - September 18, 2003 @ 12:00 noon

A quorum is needed at all of these meetings. The proposed budget as presented to the DLGF will be the advertised budget.

Health Board Letter:

Christine stated she had suggested to Barry McNulty to check with the Health Board to see if they would continue to supply help with Household Hazardous Waste as long as we provide contractual payment to the Health Department to cover expenditures. The Health Board responded with a letter dated July 21, 2003 stating that they no longer want to be involved with the Solid Waste Board. Steve Wood stated it his understanding that the Health Department was involved to start the HHW program, but they did not want to continue because of how many man hours it takes on Barry's part and for clerical support. Steve Dillinger asked that a letter be sent to the Health Board giving them

reasons as to why we think they should maintain involvement. Christine stated if we have to go alone, Steve Wood's recommendation would be that he would become a full-time exempt employee with supervisory capacities. He would hire a full-time person and a part-time person. In doing that he believes he can eliminate most of the overtime. The only other option is to cut hours to go to two full-time employees. Steve Dillinger stated he would like a strong letter sent to the Health Board from the Commissioners suggesting that they should maintain their involvement. Christine will write the letter as President of the Solid Waste Board. Dennis Redick motioned to approve. David George seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Steve Holt asked the Board if we are in concurrence that we would reimburse the Health Department for their expenses? It is the same tax dollars that are funding the Board of Health? Christine stated if it was the same programs they have put on all the time with no added expense she would concur with him, but this is a new program and it has new expenses. We are trying to fund it out of an exempt levy to provide the new services. Mike Howard stated the only difference is that to the extent the Health Department is helping is that it really is within their charge. This is a public health issue. This Board thought that the Health Department should help at some cursory level without additional compensation. Given what happen at the levy hearing, he does not know if you have any money for compensation. This is within their charge, everything that does not go in the ground water helps them. Christine stated her concept of the Health Department running it is that the employees on the Health Department rolls. It made sense to contract with the Health Department to do it. Steve Holt stated he did not understand that was her assumption, that would change the compensation. Steve Holt stated he thought we were talking about Barry and the support staff that assists Steve Wood, not Steve Wood. Christine stated she has discussed this with Kent Irwin and he has blessed having a leased employees so they can receive county benefits. The other option is to have an interlocal agreement with whatever agency we choose to operate it. We will have to have some contractual arrangement with this Board and whoever runs it. Mike stated at a minimum you will have to have an agreement between the Solid Waste Board and the County Commissioners. To have two employees we will have to set up a new EIN number and the software costs on that are \$18,000. We are waiting for direction from the Solid Waste Board. The Auditor's office and he have addressed the benefits issues. It will have to be an interlocal agreement with some existing county government, per State Board of Accounts instructions. Christine stated this is why she suggested the Health Department. Conceptually she does not have a problem giving them money to administrate further down the road in addition to payroll costs. Steve Holt stated it really is not, they have been doing this for at least 10 years. Christine stated the center has only been open two years. Steve Holt stated the job they are doing pre-dates the center and the time commitment has not changed for the Health Department. Steve Wood stated they do his payroll and accounts payable claims.

Household Hazardous Waste Center: [12:28:12]

Steve Wood stated for the month of July there have been 567 residents, 93 tons shipped and 10 tons are packed which will put us over 100 tons of materials shipped. We are 1,226 residents above last year at this time. On Saturday, in four hours, we had 62 people drop items off.

842 packets were distributed at the 4-H Fair, which were paid for by grant money and we have received a great response from the Fair.

Christine asked how are we on budget with disposal costs? Steve Wood stated as of today we are on line, if it follows the trend from last year where we slow down in the fall, we should be fine.

Dennis Redick asked, immediately following the flooding did you notice a jump in participation? Steve Wood stated yes, we boxed items separately because it has been contaminated with wastewater/regular water and disposed of at no extra expense from our disposer.

Christine asked Steve Wood if there are any other opportunities of sharing the facility with the Health Department as we are doing now with mosquito control? Steve Wood stated that would be a question for Barry. Right now we house mosquito control because we have storage space for them to store their chemicals that they use during the summer. Steve Wood stated when they were collecting birds last year they did not want them coming in to the Judicial Center so they housed mosquito control at HHW and they work out there in the summer. Christine stated this is a county facility and is a good use of property. The Board concurred.

Steve Dillinger motioned to adjourn. David George seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Present:

Christine Altman
Steve Dillinger
David George
Steve Holt
Dennis Redick
Michael Howard
Robin Mills
Steve Wood
Kim Rauch